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Transfiguration of our Lord — February 15, 2015

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Emanuel's mission is to witness to the good news of salvation through Christ to individuals, the community and the world through discipleship and service.

LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice

*** Please stand if you are able**

PRELUDE Harp selections
Abba, I Belong to You -praise team

Ringing of the Bell
(10:30) *Bells of St. Mary's* -Bell Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who spoke light into creation, who calls us to listen and follow, who sends us to shine like stars.

C Amen.

P Let us come before God, confessing our sin.

Holy and merciful God,

C we confess that we have sinned against our sisters and brothers and against you.

We cherish the values of this world. We cause others to stumble. The earth is wounded by our excess. Have mercy, O God. Forgive us, renew us, and raise us up on eagles' wings, that we may do your will with courage and delight. Amen.

P Hear the voice from heaven: "You are my own, my beloved." God gives power to the weary and strengthens the powerless. Be cleansed, be healed, for in the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you the forgiveness of your sins and the revealing of God's reign.

C Amen.

* **HYMN WOV # 718** *Here in This Place*

* GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *Let us pray.* Almighty God, on the mountain you showed your glory in the transfiguration of your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the king in all his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(10:30) **Special Music:** *10,000 Reasons* -Living Spirit

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1–12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to

Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said,

"Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind

into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

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SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3–6

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

*** GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9**

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not

know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

OFFERTORY *(please remain seated)*

CHILDREN'S SERMON -Kermit the Frog (Marv & Julie Mt.Castle)

HYMN WOV # 651 *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

SERMON

*** HYMN WOV # 753** *You Are the Seed*

*** APOSTLES' CREED**

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:00) *10,000 Reasons* -Living Spirit

(10:30) *Coronation* -Bell Choir

THE PRAYERS *(please remain seated)*

A Called to know, love, and follow you, O God, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Brief silence.

A Blessed are you, Holy One. It is your pleasure to shine the light of your presence on all you love. Enlighten your church and help it listen to and follow your Son. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Blessed are you, Holy One. Your creative love shines in every growing thing that stretches toward the sun. Restore your creation to vibrancy and beauty, and open our eyes to see your splendor. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Blessed are you, Holy One. You reveal true glory in the suffering of your Son. By his example, humble the hearts of leaders and quiet the pride of nations. Teach us the way of peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Blessed are you, Holy One. You pour your Spirit into young and old alike. Shine your light in the hearts of this congregation, and send us to carry your light to others. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Blessed are you, Holy One. Your saints shine with the glory that fills the face of your beloved Son. At the last, gather us with them on your holy mountain. Lord, in your mercy.

C hear our prayer.

Other petitions.

P Blessed are you, Holy One. You are the strength of the sick and suffering, the lonely and forgotten, the fearful and despairing. Shine the healing light of your presence on them (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Trusting your love and healing, O God, we commend to you all for whom we pray, knowing you will hear and answer, through Christ our Lord.

C Amen

*** LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our

trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

*** BENEDICTION**

*** HYMN** *Go Out in the World* -praise team

POSTLUDE *Come, People of the King*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Virginia Dillon in loving memory of Bud and Mom and Dad, Jacob & Mary Hahn.

Bake Sale

There is a bake sale going on today between services. Proceeds will go to the Catechism Retreat.

Bell Choir

Back in the early 1960's when the bell choir was founded by Ron Schink, there wasn't the array of music available for bells like there is today. Ron had to ask for permission to arrange songs for the bell choir to play. In the month of February, the bell choirs would like to honor Ron and remember him by playing a few of the songs that he arranged. Emanubells will be playing "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" and the bell choir will play "Coronation" and "Bells of St. Mary", two long-time favorites.

We would also like to thank Hugh for the 20 years of directing the bell choirs after Ron passed away. We feel this music ministry is very important to our congregation, and we hope the congregation enjoys listening to us as much as we enjoy providing this ministry.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 18, marks the beginning of Lent. Our service will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. Please plan to be here!

Healing Tree

There will be a bare tree in the sanctuary beginning on Sunday, February 22. This tree will be a reminder of the barrenness outside this time of year. It also will serve as a reminder of how empty our lives would be without Jesus.

Many people give things up for Lent. We encourage you to give up some time to perform extra acts of love during Lent: send cards, visit or call someone who needs company, be a volunteer, cook or bake something extra, etc. Maybe you could forgive a small debt, give up a hurt, make amends, let something go, say more prayers, be more thankful. Even children can be involved by doing an extra chore, helping without being asked, being kinder to siblings.

There will be baskets of purple leaves by the doors of the church. We would like the congregation to bring our empty tree to life by writing these acts of kindness and forgiveness on the leaves and putting them in the offering plate. We will attach them to the tree each week. By Easter let's have a tree full of leaves!

Caring Corner

The Caring Corner this month will accept donations for the food pantry at St. John's Episcopal Church. Think in terms of complete meals: spaghetti and sauce; noodles and canned chicken/tuna and broth/cream soup; canned meats and stews; canned fruits; peanut butter; cereals. Please also check expiration dates! And thank you for *caring*!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

We are having our annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday, serving from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Pancakes and various toppings and sausage links are on the menu. Helping hands are **needed** and welcomed for stirring, mixing, frying, flipping, and washing dishes. We'll start setting up at 4 that afternoon. **Please call Carol Castello or Sue Schink if you can help!** Any profits from the free-will donations will be given to the Good Samaritan Fund.

Newsletter

The deadline for the March newsletter is noon tomorrow. If you would like to receive your newsletter via email, please leave a note with your email address in the church office.

We need you!

READERS ARE NEEDED FOR MARCH! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, talk to Shelly Storch, Peggy Snyder, or call the church office if you can help.

Final Lost and Found Tour

The Last and Found 2015 Farewell Tour is coming to the Ottawa-Glandorf High School on Sunday, March 1, 2015. Tickets are \$7 at the door.

Faith and Family Night

You are invited to attend the Faith and Family Night when the BGSU Hockey team meets Northern Michigan University at 7:07 p.m. on Saturday, February 21. Cost is \$8 for 10-19 fans; \$5 for 20 + fans. Call the BGSU Ticket Office at 419-372-2762 for tickets. These discounted tickets must be purchased in advance no later than February 20.

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Readers - 8:00 Kelli Burkhardt 10:30 Ron Meyers

Sound Board - 8:00 Maxine Eickhoff 10:30

Acolytes - 8:00 Carl Yaney & Jessica Yunker

10:30 Bryant Dachenhaus & Thea Perdew

Ushers - 8:00 Len Sonnenberg, Kevin Gerken, Tiffany Biederstedt, Ed Biederstedt

10:30 Mark Tonjes, Paul Mowery, Terry Walther, Norm Bostelman

Altar Guild - Karri Ashbaugh & Julie Mt.Castle

Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

Kingdom Heirs

You are invited to an upcoming concert on March 9 at 7:00 p.m. by The Kingdom Heirs, a southern gospel male quartet. The concert will be held at Archbold Evangelical Church, 705 Lafayette St, Archbold. A free will offering will be taken.

Thursday morning Bible Study

You are invited to join our group of people who meet every Thursday morning at 9 a.m. for a very interesting and thought-provoking Bible study! (You never know where our discussions will go!) You are guaranteed to learn something new or to see something you always "knew" in a new light!

Re-cycle bulletins

Early service worshipers: if you plan to just throw away your bulletin when you get home, please leave it here for others to use. Thank you! If you like to refer to it during the week, however, please continue to do so!

This Week

Today

- 9:15 a.m. Confirmation planning meeting in chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Catechism Bake Sale
- 1:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 3:00 p.m. Education Board

Monday

- noon Newsletter deadline
- 6:45 p.m. Executive Board
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council

Tuesday

- 5:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Wednesday

- 3:15 p.m. After School Club
- 3:30 p.m. 6th grade catechism
- 4:30 p.m. 6th grade bells
- 5:00 p.m. Soul Food
- 6:00 p.m. Choir
- 6:00 p.m. 7th grade catechism
- 7:00 p.m. ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
- 8:00 p.m. 8th grade catechism
- 8:00 p.m. Emanubells
- 8:30 p.m. Living Spirit

Thursday

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Statistics

2/1 services canceled

2/8 80 (communed 73) + 117 (communed 104) total *197*

\$8,135.00 (\$825 Bldg Fd; \$15 World Hngr) Simply Giving 1/26-2/8 \$845 Gen Fd; \$165 Bldg Fd